

84TH CONGRESS
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S. 1519

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 22 (legislative day, MARCH 10), 1955

Mr. SMATHERS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To limit the use, by the Department of Defense and the military departments and agencies thereof, of the services of private contractors for certain purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That (a) the Secretary of Defense, acting under section 303
4 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended (5 U. S. C.
5 171j), shall establish a committee which shall be charged
6 with the duty of making the determinations required by sub-
7 section (b). Such committee shall be composed of three
8 members, of whom one shall be selected from officers of
9 associations of employees of the United States, one shall be
10 selected from private organizations engaged in contracting

1 with the United States, and one shall be a public representa-
2 tive who is not an officer of any such association, an officer
3 or employee of the United States, or affiliated with any such
4 private organization.

5 (b) No contract involving the expenditure of more than
6 \$1,000 from public funds in any fiscal year shall be executed
7 by the Department of Defense or any military department
8 or agency thereof for the rendition to or for any such de-
9 partment or agency, by any private contractor, of any
10 service theretofore performed by civilian personnel of such
11 department or agency unless the committee established pur-
12 suant to subsection (a) determines by majority vote, after
13 investigation of the facts concerning the performance of such
14 service, that—

15 (1) substantial savings in cost will be effectuated
16 through the execution of such contract; and

17 (2) the national security will not be impaired
18 through the performance of such service by persons
19 other than civilian officers and employees of the United
20 States.

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